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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF USAF PROGRAM CHANGE

1. FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, THE AIR FORCE HAS MAINTAINED TWO C-130 SQUADRONS ON ROTATION (TDY STATUS) IN EUROPE. ONE OF THESE SQUADRONS IS LOCATED AT RHEIN MAIN AB, GERMANY, AND THE OTHER AT RAF MILDENHALL, U.K. THE UNIT AT RHEIN MAIN IS COMPOSED OF APPROXIMATELY 16 AIRCRAFT AND 380

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MILITARY PERSONNEL. THE AIR FORCE HAS DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO PERMANENTLY BASE A SQUADRON AT RHEIN MAIN RATHER THAN CONTINUE THE ROTATIONAL ACTIVITY AT THAT LOCATION. (FYI: THE UNIT AT RAF MILDENHALL WILL CONTINUE ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS. END FYI.)

2. THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS APPROVED THIS CHANGE TO

BECOME EFFECTIVE FY 1/78. THIS CHANGE WILL NOT ALTER THE NUMBER OF C-130 AIRCRAFT OPERATING AT RHEIN MAIN AB, NOR WILL ANY SIGNIFICANT FACILITY CONSTRUCTION BE REQUIRED. APPROXIMATELY 500 MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL BE REQUIRED. OF THIS NUMBER, 380 SPACES WILL SIMPLY CHANGE FROM TDY STATUS TO PERMANENT PARTY. THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE WILL BE AN ESTIMATED INCREASE OF 120 MILITARY PERSONNEL AND 1,000 DEPENDENTS. STUDIES INDICATE THAT SUFFICIENT HOUSING IS AVAILABLE IN THE RHEIN MAIN AREA TO ACCOMMODATE THIS

INCREASE.

3. ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC UNIT HAS YET BEEN DESIGNATED FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT, WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO ADVISE THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT OF OUR INTENTIONS AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE. REQUEST YOU CONSULT FRG ON THE FOREGOING AND REPORT REACTIONS.

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